

AMENDMENT

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coating, wherein said polymeric coating is obtained by a process comprising radiation curing a composition comprising a radiation curable oligomer, wherein said oligomer has at least one chromophore molecule covalently bound thereto, whereby said chromophore molecule provides an identifying color to said medium.

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Claim 2. (Amended) The telecommunication element of claim 1, wherein the elongated communication transmission medium is an optical fiber having a core and a cladding surrounding the core.

Claim 3. (Amended) The telecommunication element of claim 1, wherein the elongated communication transmission medium is an optical fiber having a core, a cladding surrounding the core and a polymeric coating on the cladding.

Claim 4. (Amended) The telecommunication element of claim 1, wherein the elongated communication transmission medium is an optical fiber having a core, a cladding surrounding the core, an inner polymeric coating on the cladding and an outer polymeric coating on the inner polymeric coating.

Claim 5. (Amended) The telecommunication element of claim 1, wherein the elongated communication transmission medium is a plurality of optical fibers arranged in an array.

Claim 6. (Amended) A colored, radiation curable coating composition comprising

a radiation curable oligomer which forms a polymer upon radiation curing, wherein said oligomer has at least one chromophore molecule covalently bound thereto.